

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 13, 2009 at 3:02
P.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 268, SB 283

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 283

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:08 Sen. Ron Erickson (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on
SB 283, Update state rail plan.

(Rep. Arntzen entered the room.)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:57 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

00:06:34 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

[EXHIBIT](#) (trh56a01)

00:07:58 Sheena Rice, Montana Public Interest Research Group

00:09:07 Gary Amestoy, Richmond Economic Development Corporation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:06 Rep. Vance

00:11:26 Mr. Lynch

00:12:17 Rep. Vance

00:12:25 Mr. Lynch

00:12:33 Rep. Berry

00:12:47 Mr. Lynch

00:13:03 Rep. Ebinger

00:13:21 Mr. Lynch

00:13:48 Rep. Arntzen

00:14:18 Sen. Erickson

00:14:47 Chairman Sonju

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:51 Sen. Erickson

00:15:48 Chairman Sonju

00:16:26 Break

00:18:51 Reconvene

(Rep. Barrett left.)

HEARING ON SB 268

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:01 Sen. Roy Brown (R), SD 25, opened the hearing on
SB 268, Revise law on securing of loads.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:17 Luke Anderson
00:35:04 Mike Reddick, Lieutenant, Assistant Operations
Commander, Montana Highway Patrol
00:37:22 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
00:39:12 Bruce Spencer, Property Casualty Insurers Association
00:39:25 Dwight Easton, Farmers Insurance Group
00:39:46 Gordon Morris
00:41:48 Barry "Spook" Stang, Montana Motor Carriers
00:42:37 Teresa Anderson
00:42:46 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation
00:43:24 Sheena Rice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:45:21 Rep. Ebinger
00:45:44 Mr. Lynch
00:46:26 Rep. Arntzen
00:46:48 Mr. Reddick
00:48:09 Rep. Arntzen
00:48:30 Sen. Brown
00:48:50 Rep. Arntzen
00:49:05 Sen. Brown
(Chairman Sonju asked Vice Chairman Vance to serve as temporary
chairman.)
00:49:28 Rep. Arntzen
00:50:12 Mr. Anderson
00:50:23 Vice Chairman Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:27 Sen. Brown
(Vice Chairman Vance relinquished the gavel to Chairman Sonju.)
00:51:21 Chairman Sonju
00:52:12 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division
00:52:31 Rep. Arntzen
00:52:40 Chairman Sonju

ADJOURNMENT

00:53:06 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT (trh56a02) Correspondence received regarding SB 283.

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT (trh56aad.pdf)